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## **Supervisors Approve Funding for Chambers of Commerce**

The Board of Supervisors approved distribution of \$260,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax funding to 20 Chambers of Commerce throughout the County at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Transient Occupancy Tax is collected from lodging facilities, typically hotels and motels, from unincorporated areas of the County and is distributed to Chambers of Commerce in proportionate share to the amount of revenue generated within each area.

To promote accountability, the County requires each Chamber of Commerce to use the funds for promoting tourism and recreation. Each Chamber is also required to coordinate its efforts to be coordinated with those of their neighboring Chambers of commerce.

Distribution of funds within the Third District included:

Big Bear Chamber of Commerce	\$ 47,249
Fawnskin Chamber of Commerce	\$ 3,769
Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce	\$ 12,876
Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce	\$132,544
Mentone Chamber of Commerce	\$ 1,000
Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$ 1,020
Running Springs Chamber of Commerce	\$ 5,435

"These funds represent a proportional investment in our Chambers of Commerce, as well as provide an incentive for them to increase tourism and recreation," Supervisor Hansberger said. "It's a win-win for everybody."